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E-MAIL SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have started Electronic Mail Service throughout the country to provide more and quick facilities to consumers;

(b) if so, the number of E-post Centres being opened in each State particularly in Maharashtra;

(c) the number of E-post centers those have started functioning especially in Maharashtra;

(d) the achievements made so far after starting the E-post service; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to attract the consumer towards this scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No, Sir. A new service called `ePost` has been started as a pilot project in August, 2001 in five States of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Goa.

(b) The Number of ePost centers state-wise is as follows:

a. Andhra Pradeh - 50
b. Kerala - 51
c. Gujarat - 44
d. Maharashtra - 58
e. Goa - 01

(c) Fifty eight ePost Centres have been opened in Maharashtra.

(d) The website www.indianpostoffice.net where the ePost service is offered is visited by about 25,000 people (hits per day) daily. So far about 2,500 people have registered themselves to avail the services. A total of about 1900 messages have been transmitted.

(e) A special publicity campaign is being carried out through the print and electronic media and also through the distribution of pamphlets to create total awareness about the service to every household in these States.